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SUBJECT: ECE- CHEMICAL COMMITTEE- CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL
FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

REF: GENEVA 7772

1. SUMMARY: ISSUE OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENT,
TRANSPORT AND ENERGY RAISED AT OPENING OF CHEMICAL COMMITTEE
SESSION OCTOBER 6. SALVOS BY OUTGOING CHAIRMAN,
INDUSTRY DIVISION DIRECTOR AND SOVIET, POLISH AND GDR DELS AND EFFORT
BY HUNGARY TO RELATE CONGRESS PROPOSAL TO SPECIFIC ITEMS IN
CHEMICAL COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM WERE MET BY BARRAGE
OF REBUTTALS FROM WESTERN FRONT. BOTH POINTS OF VIEW WILL
BE INCLUDED IN CHEMICAL COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT. END SUMMARY

2. AT OPENING OF CHEMICAL COMMITTEE OCTOBER 6, OUTGOING
CHAIRMAN KUBEK (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), WITH NOTE FROM SOVIET
DEL CONSPICUOUSLY IN FRONT OF HIM, MENTIONED EVEN BEFORE
DECLARING START OF BUSINESS THAT COMMITTEE HAD BEFORE
IT MANY IMPORTANT ITEMS SUCH AS SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR
CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY (NO OTHER
IMPORTANT ITEMS MENTIONED).

3. FOLLOWING ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ADOPTION OF
AGENDA, NEW INDUSTRY DIVISION KASANTSEV (USSR),
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IN OPENING REMARKS, SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON RELATIONSHIP

OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO PROBLEM OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND TO SUPPLY AND UTILIZATION OF ENERGY. HAVING THUS PREPARED GROUND, HE NOTED THAT THE CSCE FINAL ACT AND DECISIONS OF 31ST SESSION HAD RELEVANCE TO CHEMICAL SECTOR, CALLED ATTENTION TO SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES, AND SAID DELEGATES SHOULD BEAR THESE PROPOSALS IN MIND.

4. AFTER NON-CONTROVERSIAL INTRODUCTION OF ITEM 3 (MATTERS ARISING FROM 31ST SESSION) BY SECRETARIAT MEMBER (VEITH), SOVIET DEL NOTED THAT MANY CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS RELATED TO CSCE FINAL ACT MADE AT 31ST SESSION; THESE INCLUDED VERY IMPORTANT SOVIET PROPOSAL WHICH HAD DIRECT LINK WITH ACTIVITIES AND ENERGY FIELDS) AND DESERVED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND MAXIMUM USE BY COMMITTEE.

4. HUNGARIAN DEL NOTED THAT TWO SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF CHEMICAL COMMITTEE, ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND USE OF CHEMICAL TREATMENT FOR REDUCING ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION, RELATED TO SOVIET INITIATIVE, AND HE PROPOSED TO INCLUDE IN COMMITTEE REPORT SUGGESTION THAT THESE PROBLEMS BE LIFTED TO LEVEL OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES. SOVIET PROPOSAL ALSO SUPPORTED BY GDR AND POLAND.

5. WESTERN RESPONSE OPENED, BY AGREEMENT, WITH NETHERLANDS SPEAKING FOR EEC. NETHERLANDS' DEL NOTED THAT FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES RE SOVIET PROPOSAL SET FORTH BY COMMISSION IN DECISION B (XXXI) AND CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE NOT CALLED FOR AT THIS TIME. HE ALSO REFERRED TO IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT AND 31ST SESSION RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS, ESPECIALLY RESOLUTION I (XXXI) AND DECISION D (XXXI).

6. NETHERLANDS' STATEMENT SUPPORTED BY FRG DEL WHO REPRIMANDED OUTGOING CHAIRMAN FOR MAKING STATEMENT OF POLITICAL NATURE UNSUITABLE TO HIS NON-PARTISAN ROLE.

7. US MADE STATEMENT STRESSING SAME POINTS AS NETHERLANDS' CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT OUTGOING CHAIRMAN MIGHT WISH TO HAVE HIS REMARKS RE SOVIET CONGRESSES STRUCK FROM RECORD.

8. GREECE ALSO SUPPORTED NETHERLANDS' STATEMENT.

SWITZERLAND NOTED THAT COMMITTEE WOULD NEED OVERALL VIEW PROVIDED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT TO 32ND SESSION PRIOR TO TAKING ANY ACTION ON MATTER AND THAT CONGRESSES WERE

NOT ONE OF MODES OF MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION PROVIDED FOR
IN FINAL ACT.

9. SUMMING UP, CHAIRMAN CRYSTAN (UK) SUGGESTED THAT
MATTER APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN FULLY AND ADEQUATELY
"DRAWN TO ATTENTION" OF COMMITTEE, THAT MUCH OF
COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAM DID RELATE TO PROPOSAL, THAT
OPINION CONCERNING THE CONGRESSES WAS DIVIDED, AND
THAT THIS BE FULLY REFLECTED IN COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
SINCE THERE WAS NO OBJECTION, THIS WAS CONSIDERED
ACCEPTED.

10. COMMENT: WHILE SOVIET SCENARIO WAS WELL
LAID OUT, WEST FOR FIRST TIME WAS WELL PREPARED TO
RESPOND AND US WAS ABLE TO LET EEC TAKE INITIATIVE
(DRAWING HEAVILY ON US STATEMENTS AT COAL AND
WATER COMMITTEE SESSIONS). SOVIETS APPEARED TAKEN
ABACK BY CONCERTED WESTERN RESPONSE BUT CAN BE EXPECTED TO
TRY TO MAKE UP LOST GROUND, POSSIBLY DURING CONSIDERATION
OF WORK PROGRAM AN SURELY DURING CONSIDERATION OF
FINAL REPORT. END COMMENT.CATTO

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